

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Final Office Action mailed on August 12, 2010 (hereafter “Office Action”) and the references cited therein. Applicants have not amended, canceled nor added any claims. Accordingly, claims 1-60 remain pending in the application of which claims 1, 8, 13, 28, 32, 52 and 57 are independent.

Interview Summary

As noted above, a telephonic interview was held between the Examiner and Applicants' representative on September 30, 2010. In that interview, it was agreed that the art of record does not, in fact, establish a *prima facie* showing of obviousness for the independent claims of the application. Accordingly, it was agreed that the present rejections are to be withdrawn and an additional search would be conducted followed by either issuance of a Notice of Allowance or a new, Non-final Office Action. Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for her time and consideration in extending the interview.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3-5, 6, 8-11, 13-15, 28-30, 32-34, 47-50, 52-55 and 57-60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable (obvious) over U.S. Patent 6,067,300 to Baumert et al. in view of U.S. Patent No 6,279,097 to Kaku, and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,151,644 to Wu. Further in the Office Action, dependent claims 2, 7, 12, 16-27, 31, 35-46, 51 and 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly obvious over Baumert, Kaku and Wu in combination with one or more of U.S. Patent 6,021,132 to Muller et al.; U.S. Patent 5,765,036 to Lim; U.S. Patent 6, 088,793 to Liu et al.; and U.S. Patent 5,940,275 to Soumiya et al.. Applicants respectfully address these rejections.

As noted above, agreement was reached in the September 30, 2010 interview that the art of record fails to establish a *prima facie* showing of obviousness. Therefore, the current rejections are moot, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that all the claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance. The Examiner may telephone Applicant's attorney (360-930-3533) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3521.

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